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SUBJECT: WORLD BANK MEETING: UZBEKS STILL THINKING

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(SBU) World Bank (WB) Country Director, Loup Brefort, told Econoff the Uzbeks will likely participate in the Bank's upcoming October meeting. However, Brefort believes the Uzbeks will base the extent and level of their participation on how negotiations proceed over the next few weeks on the WB's Interim Strategy Plan. If the Uzbeks do not take issue with the plan, then they will be more likely to send a high-level delegation, led by Minister of Finance (and Deputy PM) Rustam Azimov.
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